Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal		
	Application Number	09/501,540
	Filing Date	February 09, 2000
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

   a. [ ] Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

      i. [ ] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

      ii. [ ] Other _____

   b. [X] Enclosed

      i. [X] Amendment/Reply   iii. [ ] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

      ii. [ ] Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)   iv. [ ] Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

   a. [ ] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

   b. [ ] Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

   a. [X] The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1635 _____

      i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

      ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

      iii. [ ] Other _____

   b. [ ] Check in the amount of $ _____ enclosed

   c. [ ] Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature	*[signature]*	Date June 21, 2004

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CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I

FOR	NUMBER FILED (Column 1)	NUMBER EXTRA (Column 2)
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	24 minus 20=	* 4
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3 minus 3 =	*
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT		

*If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2

SMALL ENTITY TYPE ☐I OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
	345.00	OR	.	690.00
X$ 9=	36	OR	X$18=	
X39=		OR	X78=	
+130=		OR	+260=	
TOTAL	381	OR	TOTAL	

CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

SMALL ENTITY OR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY

AMENDMENT A

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT (Column 1)		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR (Column 2)	PRESENT EXTRA (Column 3)	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total	27	Minus	** 24	= 3	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	54
Independent	4	Minus	*** 3	= 1	X39=		OR	X78=	86
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+130=		OR	+260=	
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	140

AMENDMENT B

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT (Column 1)		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR (Column 2)	PRESENT EXTRA (Column 3)	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total	11	Minus	** 27	= 1	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent	1	Minus	*** 4	= 1	X39=		OR	X78=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+130=		OR	+260=	
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

AMENDMENT C

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT (Column 1)		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR (Column 2)	PRESENT EXTRA (Column 3)	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE		RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
Total		Minus	**	=	X$ 9=		OR	X$18=	
Independent		Minus	***	=	X39=		OR	X78=	
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+130=		OR	+260=	
					TOTAL ADDIT. FEE		OR	TOTAL ADDIT. FEE	

* If the entry in column 1 is less than the entry in column 2, write "0" in column 3.
** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, enter "20."
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